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For:	IMAGE ENCODING DEVICE AND IMAGE DECODING DEVICE			

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 19, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated December 26, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 2, line 12 as follows:

Still another object of the present invention is to provide an image encoding and an image decoding device which perform required image processing with only limited amounts of information necessary therefor.